

## **CORRECTED FISCAL NOTE**

### **HB 2545 - SB 2727**

April 5, 2004

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Allows the use of two-way electronic audio-video conferencing in lieu of in-court hearings for probable cause commitment for mental health services if certain conditions are met. Allows certificate of need for treatment to be delivered to the court by telefax transmission.

#### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

On February 6, we issued a fiscal note on this bill indicating an estimated impact of *an increase in local government expenditures of less than \$100,000/Permissive*.

The fiscal impact of this bill, based upon the receipt of additional information, is estimated to be as follows:

##### **(Corrected Fiscal Note)**

**Increase State Expenditures - \$116,500 One-Time  
\$54,000 Recurring**

**Increase Local Govt. Expenditures - Less than \$100,000/Permissive**

**Other Fiscal Impact - Audio-video conferencing of probable cause hearings for commitment for mental health services is projected to save \$112,900 in state expenditures annually for payroll and travel costs for staff of the state regional mental institutes if the provisions were fully implemented by the institutes and the courts.**

Estimate assumes a one-time increase in state expenditures for equipment installation at a cost of \$23,000 for each of the five regional mental health institutes and an increase in recurring state expenditures for communication charges of \$900 per month per institute. Local governments would incur costs for equipment installation and communication charges for the courts if they choose to participate in this method of conducting hearings. There are approximately 2,603 probable cause hearings conducted in court for institute patients annually.

#### **CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director

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